



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **TANAKA, Hisakazu et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1713

Serial No.: 10/088,107

Examiner: **Tatyana Zalukaeva**

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For: **WATER ABSORBENT MATERIAL AND ABSORBENT ARTICLE USING  
SAME**

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**RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2003, extended from October 15, 2003, to December 15, 2003, by a two-month extension of time, the following remarks are respectfully submitted.